

BROOKLYN RENTS ON THE TOBOGGAN; HOUSES PLENTIFUL

"Bitter End" Landlords Com-
ing Down in Charges—To
Let Signs Increase.

NEW RENT LAW HELP.

Building and Unemployment
Factors in Improving
Situation.

Rents are on the toboggan in
Brooklyn.

With the exception of some "bitter-
enders" Brooklyn apartments and
"parts of houses" are renting at
about half way between the peak of
last year and the prices asked before
the wild advance began in 1918.

Perusal of the "To Rent" columns
of the Brooklyn papers show also that
where a few months ago there were
only a score or two places to rent
now the advertisements fill columns
and at times pages. Indicative of the
rental recession are the following
 gleaned from the advertisements in
Saturday's and Sunday's papers:

A six-room corner apartment near
Prospect Park, with all improvements,
was advertised to rent at \$35. Six
months ago such an apartment could
not be had for less than \$100, and
sometimes as high as \$125 was de-
manded.

A five-room apartment in a particu-
larly desirable section of Flatbush
was advertised at \$75. Some neigh-
bors are still demanding the \$80-\$115
standard of the autumn. Apartments
in the Bedford section, which formerly
let for \$75-\$90 are now advertised as
low as \$55. And one person actually
offered concessions to a desirable ten-
ant!

In Bay Ridge, where parts of "two-
family houses" last fall brought \$115-
\$125 and never less than \$100 during
the past eighteen months, there are
several offers of five, six and seven
rooms as low as \$75.

In Forest Park, part of a modern
house, with all improvements, eight

rooms and porch, is advertised at \$75,
where four months ago \$100-\$125 was
asked for places not as desirable.

Reasons given for this drop in rent-
als are many. The blow administered
to undue profiteering by the Rent
Laws has had a decided effect. The
increase in building operations also
has had an effect. The full force of
this latter influence will not begin to
be felt until the fall, when hundreds
of two-family houses and apartments,
begun under the tax exemption ordi-
nance, will be completed.

More important, it is said, is the
fact that unemployment and wage
cuts began to be felt as far back as
six months ago, when families form-
erly able to pay the high prices, felt it
necessary to economize and chose
smaller and less desirable living quar-
ters. A row of houses in Bay Ridge,
built to rent at \$125, remained unoc-
cupied several months. Now they are
only beginning to be occupied at \$55
a month.

Unemployment has also sent many
of those who rushed to the city dur-
ing the war back to the smaller cities
and to the villages. It is explained,
thus reducing the excess in popula-
tion here.

HIGH RENTS CAUSE UNSTABLE BUSINESS

By Being Kept at High Peak, They
Are One of the Causes Block-
ing Commerce.

Greedy landlords who are holding
rentals at the high price peak are one
of the chief factors in preventing a
return to normal business conditions,
J. H. Tregoe, Executive Secretary of the
National Association of Credit Men,
declares in his May letter, sent out
to 35,000 members. Shelter, he de-
clares is one of the principal items in
the family budget, and by being kept
out of proportion to the other items,
effectively blocks national commerce.

"At a time when other commodi-
ties are approaching a new level of
high and moderate rental charges
are seriously retarding reduction of
living costs," the letter states. "Com-
modity prices have been lowered about

NO INTENTION TO SEND EMIGRANTS HERE—SHIDEHARA

Japanese Ambassador Says His
Country Doesn't Even Claim
the Right to Do So.

CLEVELAND, May 3.—
DIFFERENCES between the
United States and Japan
"call for adjustment, but
their existence does not justify
apprehension or pessimistic fore-
cast," Baron Shidehara, the Japa-
nese Ambassador, declared to-
day in an address before the
Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

"We are constantly fed up on
wild speculations which tend to
create an atmosphere of uneasiness
and tension in our mutual
relationships."

Taking up the Japanese ques-
tion on the Pacific Coast the Japa-
nese Ambassador reiterated the
declaration of his Government
that Japan claimed "no right,
nor has she any intention in fact
of sending emigrants to this
country."

"She has held consistently to
the policy of placing restrictions
upon such emigrations," he con-
tinued. "She only asks for her
Nationals lawfully resident in
this country that just and equi-
table treatment which is in line
with the fine traditions of the
American people. She desires
nothing more—nor can she be
satisfied with anything less."

110 points from the peak of May, 1920,
but it has been an uneven lowering,
with foodstuffs ranging low and
building supplies and house furnishing
goods ranging high.

Business men generally, it is noted,
are showing an improved tone of con-
fidence, but solution of housing prob-
lems and willing co-operation of labor
in reducing from the unprecedented
scale levels of war time are essential
to successful reconstruction.

ASKS HALF FORTUNE SHE "MADE" FOR MAN

Woman Says Her Management
While Living as His Wife
Accumulated \$300,000.

Claiming she lived nineteen years
as the wife of Caesar Vazzolere of
Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford,
N. J., during which she managed all
of his business affairs and built up
for him a fortune of \$300,000, Mrs.
Mary Petranick of Quincy, Mass., has
sued in the New Jersey Chancery
Court for an equity of one-half of
Vazzolere's property.

During the entire time, according
to Mrs. Petranick's affidavits and ac-
cording to her statement made to a
reporter, her husband knew of her
relations with Vazzolere and used to
visit them. Petranick, his brother and
Vazzolere, she said, were the best of
friends.

After six years in this city, during
which Vazzolere dealt in wines, they
moved to East Rutherford, where he
is now the owner of an important
block of business buildings.

Their relations were most amicable
until 1916, when, her affidavit recites,
Vazzolere beat her and forced her
out of the house. Up until that time,
she says, he had introduced her be-
fore every one as his wife.

When the reporter asked her what
she did then, she replied that she
went back to her husband in Quincy.
She is fifty-eight years old and Vaz-
zolere is sixty-nine. The case will
come up for trial to-day.

SOLDIER IN RIVER SAVED.

Rescued by Dock Watchman When
He Falls into Water.

Joseph Collins, twenty-six years old,
a soldier of the motor transport corps
attached to the army base, Brooklyn,
fell into the North River at the foot of
West 58th Street early this morning.
He was rescued by James Daly of No.
184 West 10th Street, a Dock Depart-
ment watchman.

Collins was taken to Polytechnic Hos-
pital. His condition is not serious.

SOLDIERS FIGHT POLICE.

Two Arrested After Battle at
Coney Island.

Ten soldiers and two policemen en-
gaged in a rough and tumble fight on
Surf Avenue, Coney Island, early to-
day, when complaints were received
that a group of soldiers had been an-
noying pedestrians and attacked Mrs.
Margaret Peterson, No. 2554 West 17th
Street, Coney Island. The police
engaged with Private Wesley Goding
of Governor's Island and Private Ynez
Britton of Fort Hamilton as prisoners.

Goding and Britton said in the
Coney Island Police Court they couldn't
remember what happened, but "guessed
they'd been drinking and disorderly."
Magistrate McCloskey suspended sen-
tence and turned them over to the
military authorities for punishment.

We Still Owe About Twenty-Four Billions.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—The pub-
lic debt increased \$15,469,375 during
April, according to a Treasury an-
nouncement to-day. The total debt
now is \$22,955,564,776.

URGE POLES TO FIGHT.

Trouble Now in Upper Silesia Be-
cause Germans Get That Section.

WARSAW, May 3.—Trouble is re-
ported brewing in Upper Silesia be-
cause of the rumored recommendation by the
inter-Allied Commission that Germany
be given all the plebiscite area except
the districts of Rybnik and Pless. The
Allied Supreme Council in London has
not yet acted on the Upper Silesian
question, and unofficial reports current
Monday night as to the Plebiscite Com-
mission's recommendations have not
been confirmed. The newspapers an-
nounce what is characterized as a spon-
taneous insurrectionary movement in
various industrial centres in the district,
in favor of Poland.

Appeals to the Poles to fight for a
Polish Upper Silesia were posted to-day
on the streets of Warsaw. Action is
urged to prevent hundreds of thousands
of Polish workers passing into perma-
nent "German slavery," the posters as-
serting that the industrial district is
unquestionably Polish.

Wife Elected Alderman Over Hus- band by Four Votes.

RED SPRING, N. C., May 3.—
Mrs. Beatrice Bullock, candidate for

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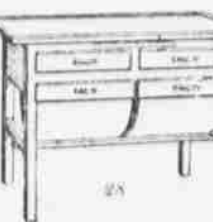
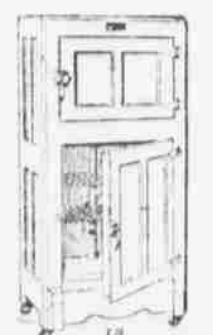
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